

SCHOOL BUDGET REVIEW COMMITTEE
SUMMARY OF ACTION
January 12, 2009

The School Budget Review Committee met in regular session on Monday, January 12, 2009, with the following members present: Director Judy A. Jeffrey, Department of Education, Chair; Director Charles Krogmeier, Department of Management, Secretary; and committee members Jane Babcock, Don Hansen, and Lee Tack.

1. **Committee Informational Items.** No action was required.
2. **St. Ansgar Community School District.** Denied the request for modified allowable growth for the 2008-2009 school year in the amount of \$619,281, which is its estimated negative unspent balance at the end of the 2007-2008 school year. Directed the district to request intensive assistance from the Department of Education School Finance Team to examine more closely the actions available to the school district to eliminate the negative unspent balance before the end of the 2009-2010 school year. Directed the district to submit monthly reports to its board and to the Department of Education demonstrating the financial position of the district in relationship to its certified budget control lines and to maximum spending authority.
3. **Mount Vernon Community School District** withdrew.
4. **Clarksville Community School District.** Approved modified allowable growth for the 2008-2009 school year in the amount of \$5,404 for costs associated with asbestos abatement.
5. **Cedar Rapids Community School District.** Approved modified allowable growth for the 2008-2009 school year in the amount of \$765,950 for costs associated with asbestos abatement.
6. **Western Dubuque Community School District.** Denied modified allowable growth for the 2008-2009 school year in the amount of \$266,725 for underpayment of the nonpublic transportation claim due to insufficient funds appropriated by the legislature to pay the claims in full.
7. **Ames Community School District.** Tabled the request for modified allowable growth for the 2008-2009 school year in the amount of \$182,259 for expenditures in excess of revenues for home school assistance programs during the fiscal years 2008-2009 and 2009-2010 until detailed records of actual direct costs used exclusively for the HSAP are available.
8. **Ankeny Community School District.** Approved modified allowable growth for the 2008-2009 school year in the amount of \$4,516,842 for initial staffing and start-up costs of opening a new school building. Denied modified allowable growth for the 2008-2009 school year in the amount of \$66,800 for utility costs.

- 9. Corning Community School District.** Approved modified allowable growth for the 2008-2009 school year in the amount of \$670,270 for costs associated with purchasing a new fleet of buses, vans, trucks and cars over the amount provided by insurance and FEMA, excluding the cost of the special education bus.
- 10. Reorganization Progress Reports Resubmitted.** Accepted the reports of progress toward reorganization submitted by Allison-Bristow, Greene, and Prescott and allowed those districts to request supplementary weighting for whole grade sharing on their October 1, 2008, certified enrollment for eligible resident students.
- 11. Supplementary Weighting List.** Certified to the department of management the supplementary weightings with the certified enrollment report.
- 12. Transportation Assistance Grants-in-Aid.** Approved the distribution of transportation assistance aid to the eligible districts on an equitable basis.
- 13. Certificate of Need.** Accepted the recommendation of the task force regarding the certificate of need request from the Northeast Hamilton Community School District and recommended approval to the Department of Education.
- 14. On Time Funding for Increased Enrollment Applications.** Approved, subject to further Department review, on-time funding modified allowable growth for the 2008-2009 school year for increased enrollment for all eligible districts making requests.
- 15. Open Enrollment Out Applications.** Approved, subject to further Department review, modified allowable growth for the 2008-2009 school year for tuition costs incurred for open enrollment out students not included on the October 2007 certified enrollment reports for eligible districts making requests.
- 16. Limited English Proficiency Applications.** Approved, subject to further Department review, modified allowable growth for the 2008-2009 school year for excess costs of providing services to LEP students for eligible districts making requests, excluding those listed to appear at the next regular meeting. The following districts with per pupil amounts significantly larger than the average per pupil amount of all districts are directed to appear at the March regular meeting of the SBRC if they want to present requests for modified allowable growth: Manning, Jesup, Van Meter, Dike-New Hartford, South Hamilton, Osage, Knoxville, Clarke and Mount Vernon.